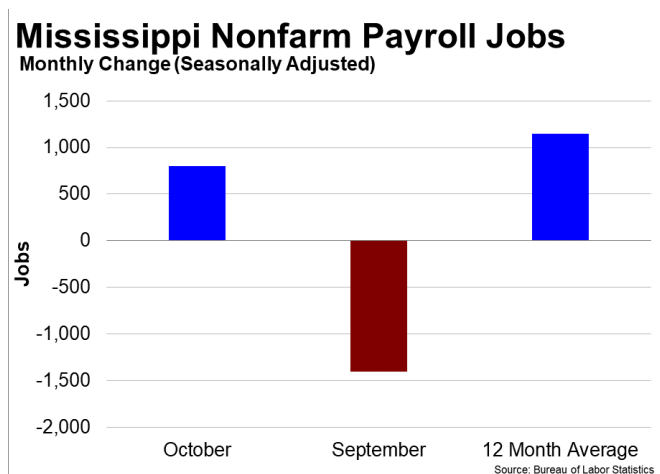
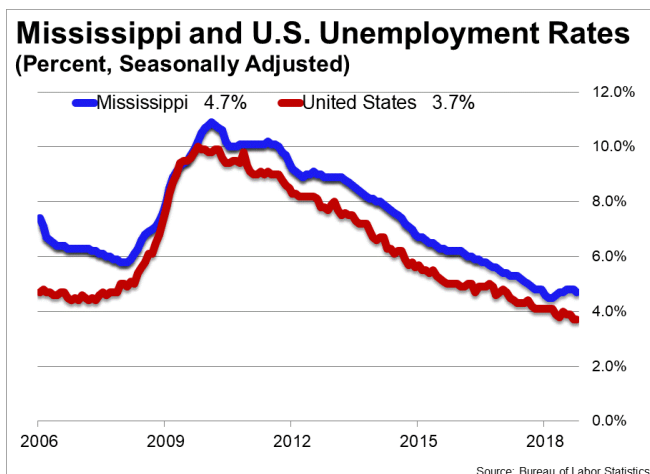




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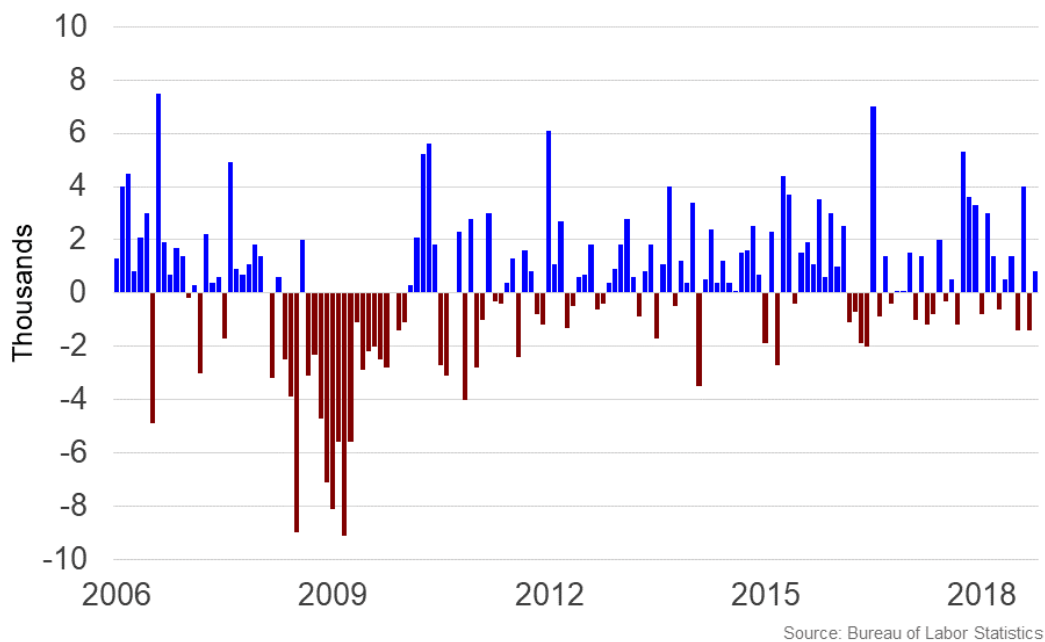
### Summary

- **Mississippi added 800 jobs and the unemployment rate declined by 0.1 percentage point to 4.7 percent in October** according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data.
- **Over the past twelve months, Mississippi added 13,800 jobs** and the unemployment rate fell by 0.1 percentage point from 4.8 percent.
- **In October, Mississippi's private sector added 1,300 jobs** and over the past twelve months it created 12,100 jobs.
- The number of **unemployed Mississippians fell by 785 in October**, and over the past year 9,156 Mississippians found jobs.
- Mississippi's **labor force participation rate remains unchanged** from 56.1 percent in October. Since last year, the labor force participation rate rose 0.3 percentage point.
- The national unemployment rate **was unchanged at 3.7 percent in October**. State employment and unemployment data for November is scheduled for release on December 21, 2018. The national employment situation report for November will be released on Friday, December 7, 2018.



# Mississippi Nonfarm Payroll Jobs

Monthly Change (Thousands, Seasonally Adjusted)



## Mississippi Payroll Employment

Mississippi added 800 jobs, or 0.07 percent, on a seasonally adjusted basis during October. In the prior month, Mississippi lost 1,400 jobs. Over the past twelve months, nonfarm payrolls in Mississippi increased by 13,800, or 1.19 percent. Mississippi nonfarm payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

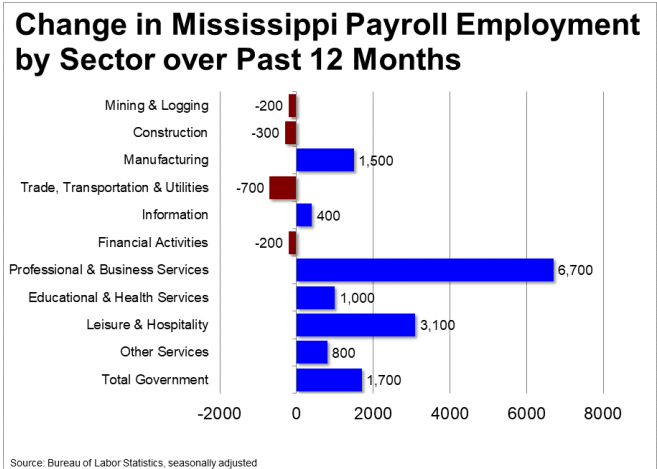
Nationally, nonfarm payrolls increased by 250,000 jobs in October, or 0.17 percent. Over the 12-month period ending October 2018, nonfarm payrolls grew by 2,516,000 jobs, or 1.71 percent. Mississippi ranks 15th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in nonfarm payroll employment over the past 12 months.

During October, Mississippi's private-sector added 1,300 jobs, or 0.14 percent. The private-sector in Mississippi lost 2,500 jobs in the prior month. Over the past twelve months, private-sector payrolls in Mississippi increased by 12,100, or 1.33 percent. Mississippi private-sector payroll employment has increased in 8 of the past 12 months.

Nationally, private-sector payroll jobs increased by 246,000 jobs in October, or 0.19 percent. Over the past 12 months, the nation's economy has added 2,450,000 jobs in the private-sector, an increase of 1.96 percent. Mississippi ranks 16th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia for percentage gain in private-sector payroll employment over the past 12 months.

The best performing sectors on a seasonally adjusted basis during October were Professional & Business Services (+1,500) and Other Services (+400). The poorest performing sectors during the month were Construction (-700) and Total Government (-500).

The best performing sectors during the last twelve months were Professional & Business Services (+6,700) and Leisure & Hospitality (+3,100). The poorest performing sectors during the last twelve months were Trade, Transportation & Utilities (-700) and Construction (-300).



## Mississippi Labor Force Statistics

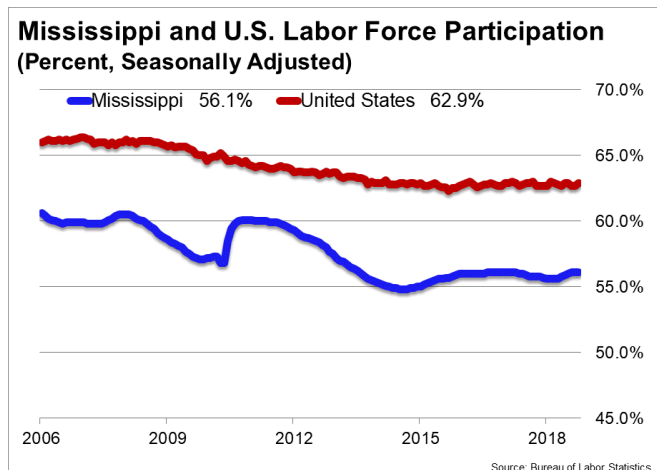
### *Labor Force Participation*

The labor force participation rate in Mississippi was unchanged at 56.1 percent in October. At 56.1 percent, Mississippi has one of the five lowest labor force participation rates in the nation. The labor force participation rate in Mississippi is unchanged from a year earlier. The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the civilian noninstitutionalized population age 16 and older who are employed or actively looking for work.

The 10-year high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi was 60.1 percent in January 2011. The series high for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi occurred in April 2000 when the labor force participation rate hit 63.4 percent. The 10-year low for the labor force participation rate was 54.8 percent in September 2014. This also represents the series low for the labor force participation rate in Mississippi. The national labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.9 percent in October, but remains near its 38-year low of 62.4 percent.

### *Employment-to-Population Ratio*

The employment-to-population ratio, or the percentage of the Mississippi civilian noninstitutionalized population 16 years and older counted as employed, was unchanged at 53.4 percent in October. At 53.4 percent, Mississippi has one of the five lowest employment-to-population ratios in the nation.



The employment-to-population ratio in Mississippi is 0.3 percentage point higher than a year earlier.

The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio in Mississippi was 54.6 percent in November 2008. The series high for the employment-to-population ratio in Mississippi occurred in May 2000 when the employment-to-population ratio hit 59.8 percent. The 10-year low for the employment-to-population ratio was 50.7 percent in July 2014. The series low for the employment-to-population ratio occurred in August 2014 when the employment-to-population ratio was 50.7 percent.

The national employment-to-population ratio rose by 0.2 percentage point to 60.6 percent in October. That rate was 0.4 percentage point higher than a year earlier. The all-time high for the employment-to-population ratio was 64.7 in April 2000. The 10-year high for the employment-to-population ratio was 63.4 percent in December 2006. The recent low occurred in October 2013 when the employment-to-population ratio dipped to 58.2 percent. The last time the employment-to-population ratio posted a reading lower than 58.2 percent was July 1983.

